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District Five Report

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I write regarding the concerns we all shared relating to the Northeast Energy Direct pipeline (NED) project; the proposed misuse of eminent domain and its potential to deface our landscape.

As Your Executive Councilor for District Five, that includes most of the towns that would have been affected by the now defunct Kinder Morgan Export Pipeline project, I whole heartily congratulate each and every person who gave their time and energy to oppose this proposal.

Kinder Morgan certainly did not expect the outpouring of organized civil resistance when they proposed to run their natural gas pipeline through New Hampshire properties. Having failed to locate their pipeline in Massachusetts, they quickly learned that New Hampshire residents are not "pipeline pushovers."

Kinder Morgan, the largest energy infrastructure company in North America underestimated the resolve of New Hampshire citizens when they planned to run 71 miles of pipeline through seventeen towns in Cheshire, Hillsborough and Rockingham Counties in Southern New Hampshire including 8 miles of our State Parks and Forests. As I stated on July 30, 2015 at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Scoping Meeting in Milford before a capacity crowd, "This project will steal over 1,500 acres of land from NH home owners. They will be required to give up their land, their forest, their crops, their privacy, their property values, their clean pristine well water, and the list goes on--." I continued, "The only responsible Environmental Finding or recommendation for this project should be "NO BUILD." (View link to Milford, NH video broadcast of meeting here, [FERC Scoping Meeting July 30 2015](#)) (Wheeler comments begin at: 2:57:00)

Amherst, Antrim, Bennington, Brookline, Deering, Dunbarton, Fitzwilliam, Frankestown, Greenfield, Greenville, Hillsborough, Hollis, Hudson, Jaffrey, Litchfield, Lyndeborough, Mason, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, Nashua, New Boston, New Ipswich, Peterborough, Richmond, Rindge, Sharon, Swanzey, Temple, Troy, Weare, Wilton, and Windsor

On October 21, 2015 of last year, I brought our bi-monthly Governor and Council meeting to the town of Mason so that the Governor and the other Councilors could see firsthand the resolve of Granite Staters. They, as well as the Commissioners of The Department of Environmental Services (DES) and the Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) interacted with local leaders and citizens and left the meeting knowing how strong the opposition to the pipeline project was.

Not only do we have a "citizen government" that I proudly represent, but our citizens can rally, when necessary, to defend their property, their rights, and the property and rights of others. This was a job well done!

In April 2016, Kinder Morgan suspended the NED pipeline proposal that began 9 months earlier, and in May 2016, they withdrew their application for the Northeast Energy Direct pipeline. Through our actions, we organized, rallied, protested, marched and attended many public meetings to express our opposition and protect our state. I was proud to stand with you on this important issue and together we can now claim a hard-earned victory.

To reference my presentations and speeches on this important topic I have provided the links above.

The link to the State of New Hampshire Executive Council website:


<http://www.nh.gov/council/> and my page on that site:

<http://www.nh.gov/council/districts/d5/index.htm>

It has been my pleasure to work with you to make sure that District 5 citizens' private property was not taken from them.

Please contact me anytime I can be of help on this or any other issues at 603-271-3632.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "D" and a long horizontal line extending to the right.

David K. Wheeler

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